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TOPIC Quartering Area of the 1st Mech Div and the 2d Light Arty Brig (US)at Doeberitz

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1. Between 8 and 12 May 1954, Altes Lager [] in Doeberitz was occupied about 40 percent by about 1,500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 10 May, 2 T-34/85 tanks were seen in the west section of the installation. On 9 May, 480 unarmed soldiers, including some carrying wreaths, marched to the Russian cemetery 200 meters west of the village of Dellgow. Motor vehicles [] were seen en route to the camp. Between 15 May and 2 June, Altes Lager was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 soldiers. The installation was fully lit on several days of observation. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. On 29 May, at least 10 tanks were seen south of the camp. On 30 May, 6 tanks were seen in front of a shed in the west section of the installation known as the Neues Lager. As Altes Lager was definitely occupied by tank units and, on the other hand, tanks were seen only en route to Neues Lager, it was assumed that the latter served mainly as quarters for tanks.¹
2. At about 1100 on 23 May, 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and 23 trucks [] were entrained at the Dellgow railroad station. At 1900, a shipment of at least 10 x 85-mm AT guns and 23 trucks was seen at the railroad station, ready to depart. [] Vehicle tracks indicated that all units had come from Altes Lager.

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Between 5 and 8 June, Altes Lager was occupied about 65 percent by about 2,500 soldiers. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Tank units were apparently stationed at the Doeberitz training grounds. Fresh imprints of tank tracks led from the gate of Neues Lager to the training area. On 7 June, about 20 tanks, escorted by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with antitank guns, were at the

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in the training area. During the period under review, motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to the installation. The construction of a new camp allegedly was started in a newly cut clearing in the Richwald woods about 1 km south of Altes Lager.

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3. Between 1 May and 8 June, about 60 to 70 percent of the windows of Altes Lager were lit after dark. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Intensive activity was observed in the camp on several days. A major detail of soldiers had allegedly been detached for wood cutting in the training area since 4 May. On 8 May, an unusual number of soldiers wore new uniforms. On 21 May, about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, watched a game of soccer at the large athletic field south of Altes Lager. On 3 June, about 180 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and 10 trucks [redacted]

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were seen in front of Altes Lager. Some of the trucks carried baggage. [redacted] the officers' billets of Altes Lager had been equipped with more than 100 stoves. No changes in the occupation of the Gardestern building and the former komendatura could be seen during the period under review. Motor vehicles observed en route to and from the installation [redacted]

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4. On 5 June, 6 x 120-mm mortars were towed into Altes Lager by troops. SU-100 guns [redacted] entered Neues Lager from the training area. Since early May, Hamburger Chaussee had continually been patrolled between Altes Lager and Richthofen Kaserne by 4 to 5 pairs of sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets and were armed with submachine guns.
5. On 11 May, Major Dubinka, Captain Kintsuvashvili, the new supply officer of the signal unit quartered in the Gardestern installation, and Major Lisenko met in the main guard house of Altes Lager. A Captain Vasilyev was also seen there. On 12 May, Captain Vasilyev and Lieutenant Nazarenko were seen at the former komendatura. A colonel who had been repeatedly observed was referred to [redacted] as Colonel Perepenko [redacted] Major Kolbasenko was also seen.
6. On 7 and 10 May, the quarters of Units Zurkin and Madvedyev in Loewen Kaserne [redacted] were heavily occupied. Six 57-mm AT guns, 11-3 armored personnel carriers with 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and about 85 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and armed with 6 heavy machine guns were observed in the quartering area of Unit Zurkin. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and 1 JSU-122 gun in a shed were seen in the quartering area of Unit Madvedyev. On 10 May, the quarters of Unit Timoshenko in Loewen Kaserne were also heavily occupied. Soldiers of this unit wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. On 10 May, the Adler Kaserne [redacted] was occupied to capacity by troops of Unit Yippe wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Two JS-3 tanks were seen in the barracks yard.
7. Between 1 and 5 May, the Adler and Loewen Kaserne was occupied between 70 and 80 percent. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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Intensive activity was observed in the barracks area. At 1900 on 21 May, numerous officers went toward Elstal. Motor vehicles

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of the installation.

8. On 10 May, the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf _____ appeared to be occupied. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Numerous soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia engaged in field exercises with heavy machine guns in the barracks training area. As Senior Lieutenant Perezin was on leave in the USSR, an unidentified lieutenant colonel settled the accounts of Units Berezin and Fusigin. Supply office Nashalyan was in charge of the officers' billets. The quarters of repair shop unit Sdor were occupied as previously.

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9. Between 7 May and 5 June, the west section of the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf was lit about 80 percent after dark.

10. On 26 May, T-34 tanks _____ entered the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf.

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11. On 10 May, the quarters of Unit Kovalyev in Olympisches Dorf _____ the club of Unit Milkhailov and the hospital of Unit Razumov were occupied as previously. The hospital was also called Unit Pereuvikhina.

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12. Between 8 May and 8 June, intensive activity was observed in the quartering area of the artillery brigade in Olympisches Dorf. All components of the brigade appeared to be at the installation. Fifty to 60 ZIS-3, 76.2-mm field guns were seen in the 4 gun sheds at the lake. Up to 12 x 76.2-mm guns left the installation for training in the area northeast of the installation on several days of observation. Trucks _____ were observed.

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On 26 May, 2 x 85-mm AT guns went to the training area. Between 20 May and 8 June, about 12 trucks of Unit Kovalyev daily engaged in driving practices. Trucks _____

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_____ were observed on 21 May,

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A considerable amount of bridge building material and 2 pontoons were seen at the engineer training area northeast of the Eulenspiegel settlement. Twenty-five trucks were seen in the sheds. Prior to 8 June, individual details of soldiers engaged in fatigue duty.

13. Between 3 and 3 June, intensive training with light infantry weapons at squad and platoon level was held at the Doeberitz troop training grounds. On several days, troops received training in voice radio communication. On 12 and 21 May, heavy reports of guns were heard in the training area from the direction of Potsdam.

14. Between 1 May and 8 June, little firing with live ammunition was observed at the Doeberitz troop training grounds. Up to 4 T-34/85 tanks, 2 rocket launchers, 6 x 57-mm AT guns, 3 x 85-mm AT guns, 4 x 37-mm AA guns and motor vehicles _____ were observed there on several days of observation _____

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Between 1 May and 8 June, the Hasenheidenberg cantonment was occupied as previously by a small guard detail wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. During the first half of May, wood, including young trees, was cut in Augustinerwald (woods) in the area east of the firing range west of the Seeburger Fichten and at other places in the training area. A tent camp with about 20 major tents was located west of the firing range. Another tent camp was west of Firk-Fenn, north of Seeburger Weg. Four lanes, about 10 meters wide, were cut in a fenced-in wooded area south of the village of Doeberitz between Alexanderbruecke (bridge) and the road from Doeberitz to Highway No 103. Excavation work was done in these lanes. A brick building was under construction. Wooden sheds were being constructed at several places in the training area.¹

15. On 23 May, the following troops and materiel were entrained for Forst Zinna at the Dallgow railroad station:
 At 1200, 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, 28 trucks [redacted] and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
 At 1600, 3 x 57-mm AT guns, 4 mortars, 38 trucks [redacted] and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
 At 2000, 10 x 85-mm AT guns, 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 30 trucks [redacted] and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
 On 26, 27 and 29 May, the shipments returned in the same order.²

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1. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the distribution in Doeberitz of units of the 1st Mech Div and the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) prior to 8 June. In early May and early June, units of the division from Altes Lager were probably stationed at the Doeberitz troop training grounds. Construction work in the training area is probably being done to improve training facilities. Information in paragraphs 1 and 5 indicates that, contrary to other information, the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt is stationed in Altes Lager as previously and the 72d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt is stationed in the Adler and Loewen Kaserne. Captain Kintsuvashvili (fnu), Major Lizenko (fnu), Colonel Perepenko (fnu) and Units Nashalyan and Pereuvikhina are mentioned for the first time. Colonel Kabanov (fnu) has been carried as chief of staff of the 1st Mech Div. He was last reported in 1952. It appears that Colonel Perepenko succeeded him as chief of staff of the division.

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2. Comment. [redacted] units of the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt, the 294th Mort Regt (US) and the 35th Mech Regt of the 1st Mech Div conducted firing practices at Jueterbog.

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